

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:101
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PROVIDING OF NATIONAL AWARD
SUNIL KHAN

Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National award like Padmashree and Padmabhusan are given to those who are the best of the lot of their performances; and

(b) if so, the name of Joytirmayee Sikdar having the best performances in the Asian Games in 1999-2000 is considered for the National award?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SUSHREE UMA BHARTI)

(a) & (b) : Padma Awards, viz. Padma Vibhushan, Padma Bhusan and Padma Shri are given, on the recommendations of the Padma Awards Committee, for exceptional and distinguished service, distinguished service of a high order and distinguished service, respectively, in any field. Padma Awards are normally given for a life time achievement. The Padma Awards Committee considers the recommendations received in the Ministry of Home Affairs from State/Union Territory Governments, Ministries/Departments of the Central Government, organisations, institutions or any individual. Since no recommendation in favour of Ms. Jyotirmayee Sikdar was received for the Padma Awards announced on the eve of the Republic Day 2000 and 2001, the Awards Committee had no occasion for considering her name.